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VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
OCTOBER 2, 2012 MEETING

SPY POND COMMITTEE
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

Present: Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin.

Facilitator: Steve Ricci **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 6, Dec. 4. Town Hall Annex, first floor.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- **Town Day:** Our “exhibits” could use some improvement. Plants for identification should be in separate containers labeled on the back with name and whether invasive or not, and a “Who am I” sign in front. The Secchi disk demo was good but also needs a sign. Overall we need more preparation: start thinking about Town Day several meetings in advance, select a coordinator, have a mockup of the whole display at the meeting before Town Day. We should find a way to present a catchy “message” about what we do. There was very little demand for the printed material we had.
- We should try to improve **relationships** with groups having similar aims and interests, e.g. Friends of Spy Pond Park, Arlington Land Trust, Con Com, Garden Club, Boys & Girls Club. Suggestions: Ask to make a short presentation at a meeting of the group; arrange a joint meeting, possibly with a speaker of interest to both groups. Topic to be continued at a future meeting.

Preparing a presentation to be made on ACMI, possibly with technical help from high school students, was also suggested.

- **Water quality monitoring:** We need to find out what if anything the Boys & Girls Club or any committee member is doing or willing to do, and any commitments made need to be documented. NOIs for phragmites control also need to be monitored. Joey will check with the Con Com on existing NOIs, whether they should be closed or renewed.
- **Sandbar:** Steve has talked to Mike Rademacher of the DPW. He wants us to pull together all available information. He also wants to set a specific goal for the project, possibly not removal of the whole thing, just removal of the sand to a certain depth, well above any arsenic deposits, to avoid cutting off a corner of the pond. This raises the possibility that the project could fit into the state’s effort to get rid of stagnant water to eliminate breeding places for mosquitoes. Steve will follow up.

Joey noted that the Con Com has received a report from VHB Consultants on Rt. 2 stormwater improvements, but she has not yet read it

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